

Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.
Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet
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As of March 5, 2020, the Board of Well Drillers has been operating under a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency proclaimed by Governor Hogan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the April 28, 2021 Open Meeting was held by videoconference.

Board Members Present

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large
Heather Quinn – DNR
Robert Peoples – MDE
Dave Kelly – Central MD
Mike Hall – Eastern MD
Brad Hartman – Southern MD
Larry Brenneman – Western MD

MDE Staff Present

Duane Johnson – Executive Director
Gayatri Mostaghimi – Board Counsel
Dee Settar – MDE, Water Supply Program
John Boris – MDE, Wastewater Permits

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Hahns Hairston called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Chairman Hairston presented the agenda for review and approval. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Mike Hall. The motion was approved with amendments and one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Board Chairman Comments

Chairman Hahns Hairston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval of March 24, 2021 meeting minutes

Chairman Hairston presented the minutes from the March 24, 2021 open meeting for review and approval and asked for any modifications. Mike Hall made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Brad Hartman. The motion was approved with amendments and one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

a. Revenue and Expenditures

Duane Johnson presented the Revenue and Expenditures report indicating it is a draft, and that he will present the final report at the May meeting.

Appropriation FY 2021	\$118,670
Revenue	\$19,175.00
Expenditures	\$91,074.53

b. 2021 License Renewals Update

Duane Johnson said he received about 220 renewal applications and that of those about 147 applicants need to provide additional documentation. About 72 renewal applications are ready to be printed and mailed out. Duane said the only hold up is waiting for delivery of the card stock paper.

New Business

a. Exam Qualification

Duane Johnson read the qualifications for the following exam applicants and recommended all be approved to take the exam on June 6, 2021.

Name	Exam Type	Qualification	Employer	Experience and Equipment	Recommendation
Anselmo Santos	AWD	- Applicant meets 1 year requirement - Provided 10 locations where they assisted in installations - Sponsor MWD236 - Letter of recommendation received	Allied Well Drilling 10/14/2009 to present	- Commercial and residential well drilling - Water and geothermal - Rotary and air rotary	Approve
Wilfredo Acosta-Madrid	MWD	- Applicant provided 10 locations where they assisted in installations (all in 2021) - Sponsor MWD326 - Letter of recommendation received. - WRO license expired in 2016	Allied Well Drilling 05/30/2006 to present Journeyman License No. JSD153	- Commercial and residential well drilling - Water and geothermal - Rotary and air rotary	Approve
Shane Salta	MWD	- Applicant meets 7 year requirement with last two years installing New Well 6"/ Steel Casing, - Provided 10 locations where they assisted in installations	Hook Well Drilling 06/2011 to present	- Air and mud rotary and various others - Holds a Water Well Drillers License from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (No. 4708)	Approve

		- Letter of good standing on file - Letter of recommendation on file			
Robert Mohler	JGD	- Current license No. AWD063 - Applicant provided 10 locations where they assisted in installations - Letter of recommendation on file	Connelly & Associates 2018 to present	- Monitoring Wells - Sonic 150 - CME 55LC - Confirm applicant has water well experience	Approved for JGD

Mike Hall shared information concerning qualification of a Well Rig Operator who wants to take the Master Well Drillers exam. He said currently out of state drillers have an advantage over in-state drillers when applying to take exams. There was agreement among Board members that something is wrong with this type of an arrangement and decided to revisit this issue at future Board meetings until the issue is resolved.

Mike Hall made a motion to approve the above applicants to take the June 6, 2021 examination with changes. Robert Peoples seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

b. April Exam Results

Passed	4	The following applicants passed the examination:
Failed	2	Bradley Hoover – PIO
% Passed	67 %	Bradley Hoover – WCI
% Failed	33 %	Joshua Culver – AWD
Average Grade	70.6 %	Chris Ratley – MGD

Brad Hartman made a motion to approve the four applicants who scored 70% or above on the exam. Dave Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

c. Training Courses for Approval

April 2021 CEU Approved Training Courses

No.	Organization	Course Name	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
2021-156	South Atlantic Well Drillers	2021 Jubilee	Myrtle Beach, SC	7/30/21 to 7/31/21	All Drillers	Maximum 12 hrs. plus 3 hrs. regional convention attendance.	2021-2023
2021-157	2021 Private Well Conference	Private Well Class	Virtual	5/25/21 to 5/27/21	All Drillers	12 hrs. Proof of attendance required.	2021

Heather Quinn made a motion to approve the above training courses. Mike Hall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Board members decided to add the online completion report issue to upcoming agendas. Heather asked Board members to be prepared to discuss any findings they may have concerning this issue at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Kelly to go into close session at 11:08 a.m. Larry Brenneman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

A motion was made by Heather Quinn to adjourn the open meeting at 11:09 a.m. The motion was seconded by Brad Hartman and approved with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

